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Title : Need to accord permission to the Government of Andhra Pradesh

for sending the boiled rice to other States and exporting it

to other countries.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to give permission to send the boiled rice from Andhra Pradesh godowns to other States and for export to other counties during the current year.

The demand of the boiled rice in Andhra Pradesh is less. The surplus boiled rice is lying in the godowns during the last 1 to 2 years. On the other hand, due to the godowns full to capacity with boiled rice, the other consumable items like rice, wheat, pulses and other vegetables are lying outside the godowns and going to waste. Already there is an acute shortage of godowns in Andhra Pradesh. Due to this severe problem, the farmers and the consumers are suffering a lot. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has already made a request to the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to give necessary permission to send the boiled rice to the State where there is a demand of boiled rice and to export to the countries where there is similar demand of boiled rice. But this request is still pending with the concerned Ministry.

I, therefore, request the concerned Hon'ble Minister to intervene in the matter and give permission to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for sending the boiled rice to other States and exporting it to other countries to benefit both the farmers and the consumers.